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In re application of :  
Yuichi HIRATSUKA et al. : Docket No. 2000-1768A  
Serial No. 09/748,161 : Attn: **APPLICATION BRANCH**  
Filed December 27, 2000 :  
MICROSIZE DRIVING DEVICE AND :  
METHOD FOR PREPARATION THEREOF :

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, DC 20231

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- c. ☒ the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at pages 1 and 2, as follows:
- (A) Suzuki et al., Japanese Journal of Applied Physics, Volume 34 (1995), pages 3937-3941, Part 1, No. 7B is cited at page 1, lines 3-4 from the bottom of the English translation of the Japanese specification
- (B) Suzuki et al., Biophysical Journal, Volume 72, 1997, pages 1997-2001 is cited at page 1, line 2 from the bottom of the English translation
- (C) Kron et al., Proceedings of National Academy of Science, U.S.A., Volume 83, pages 6272-6276, 1986 is cited at page 1, lines 1-2 from the bottom of the English translation
- (D) Vale et al., Cell, Volume 42, pages 39-50, 1985 is cited at page 2, line 1 of the English translation
- d. ☐ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
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Respectfully submitted,

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